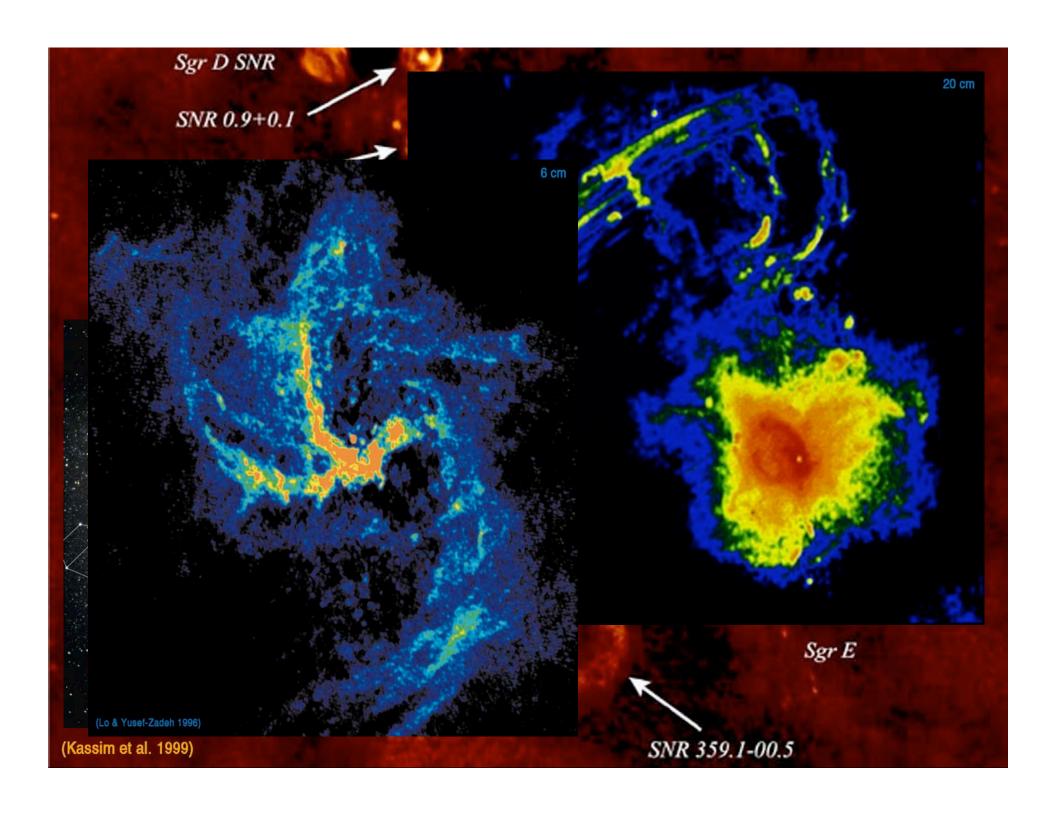
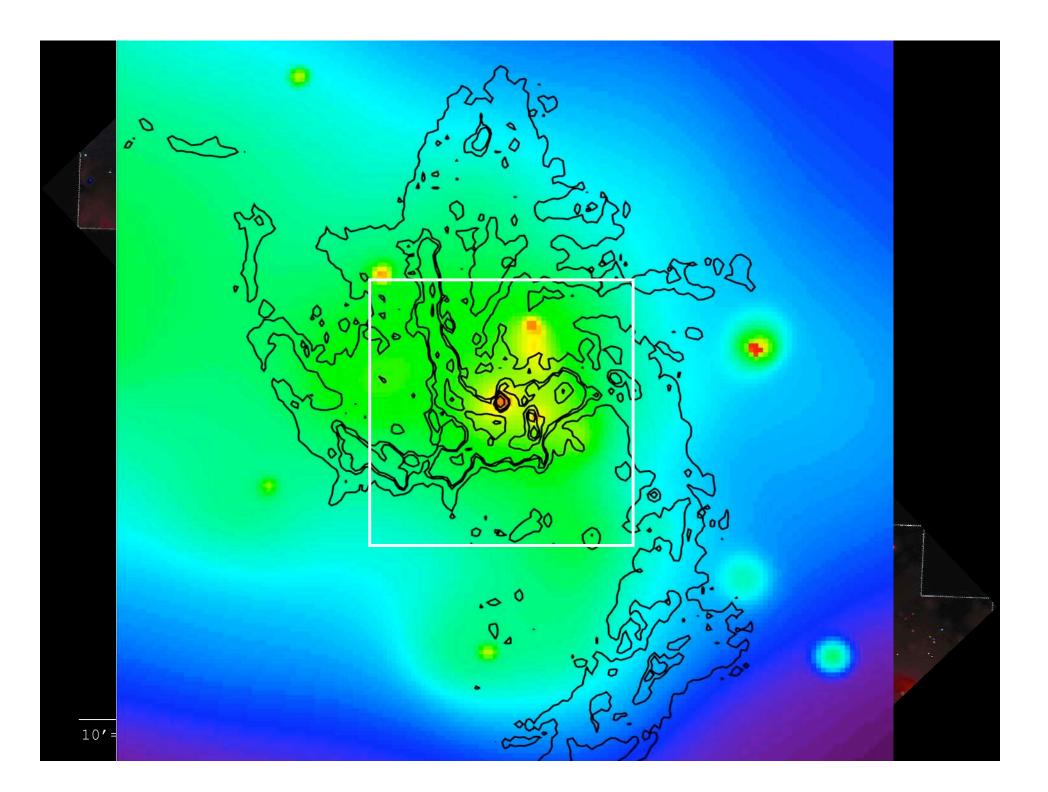
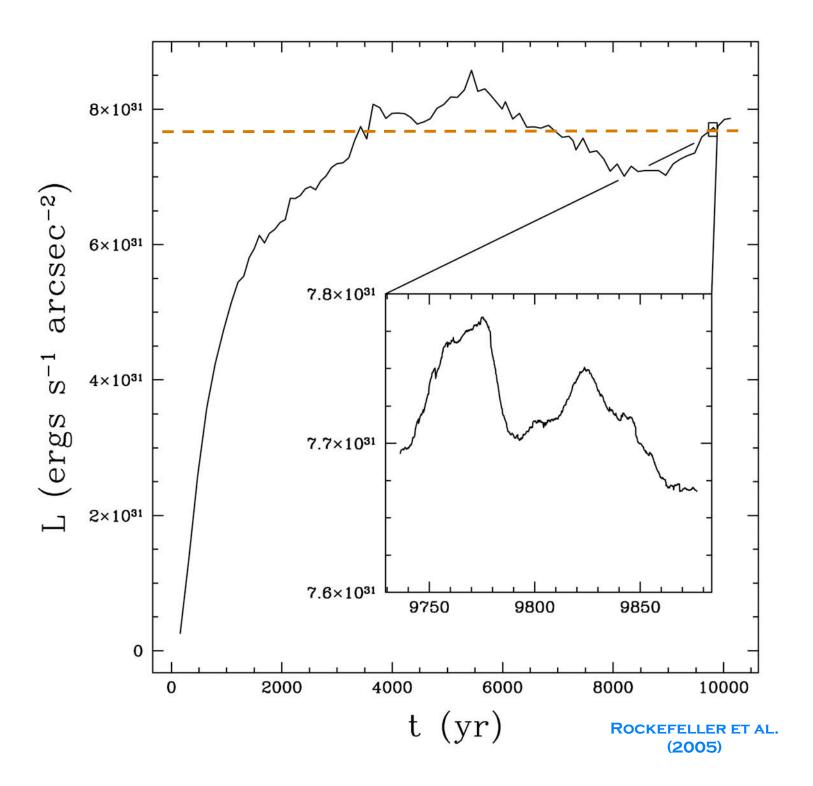
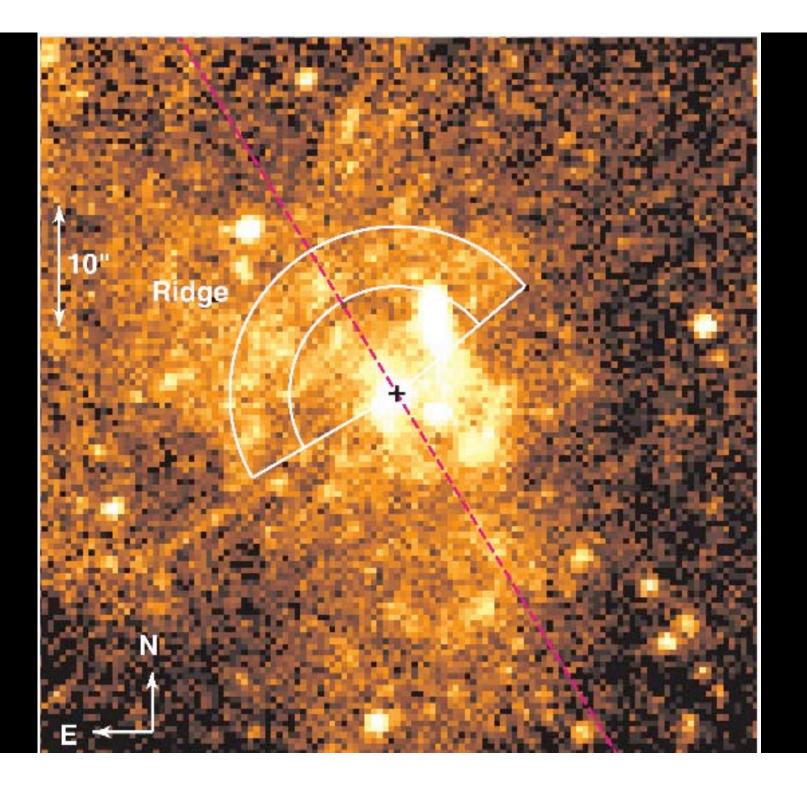
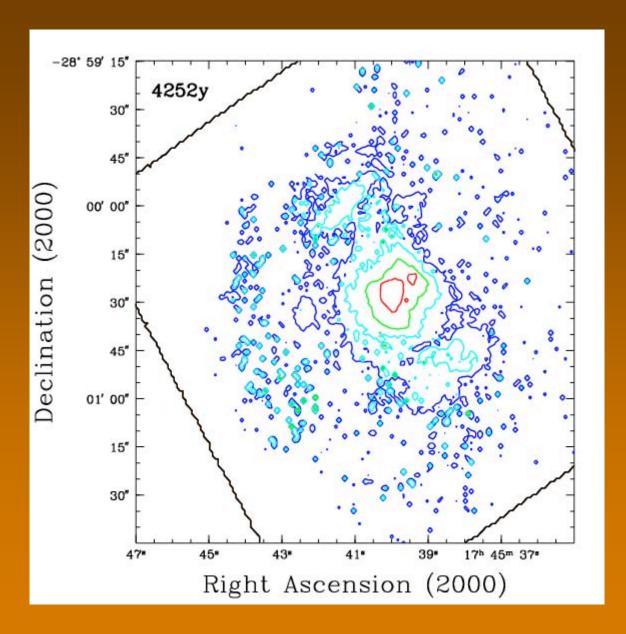
## HIGH- ENERGY ACTIVITY AT THE GALACTIC CENTER

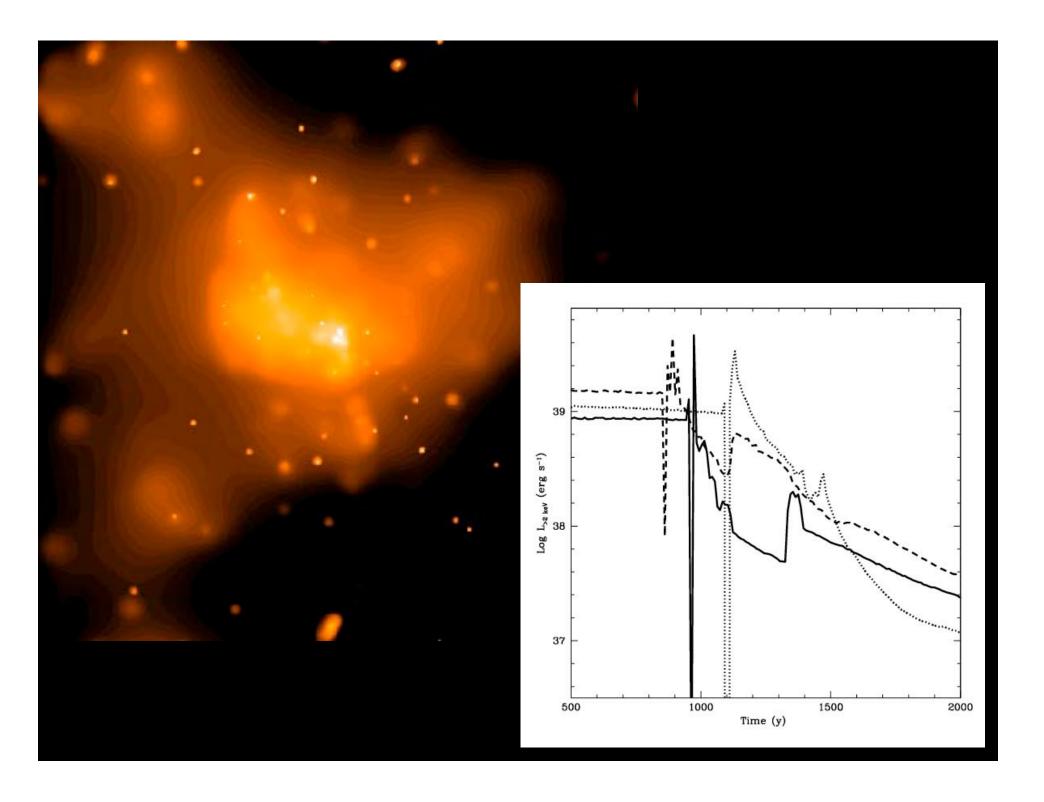


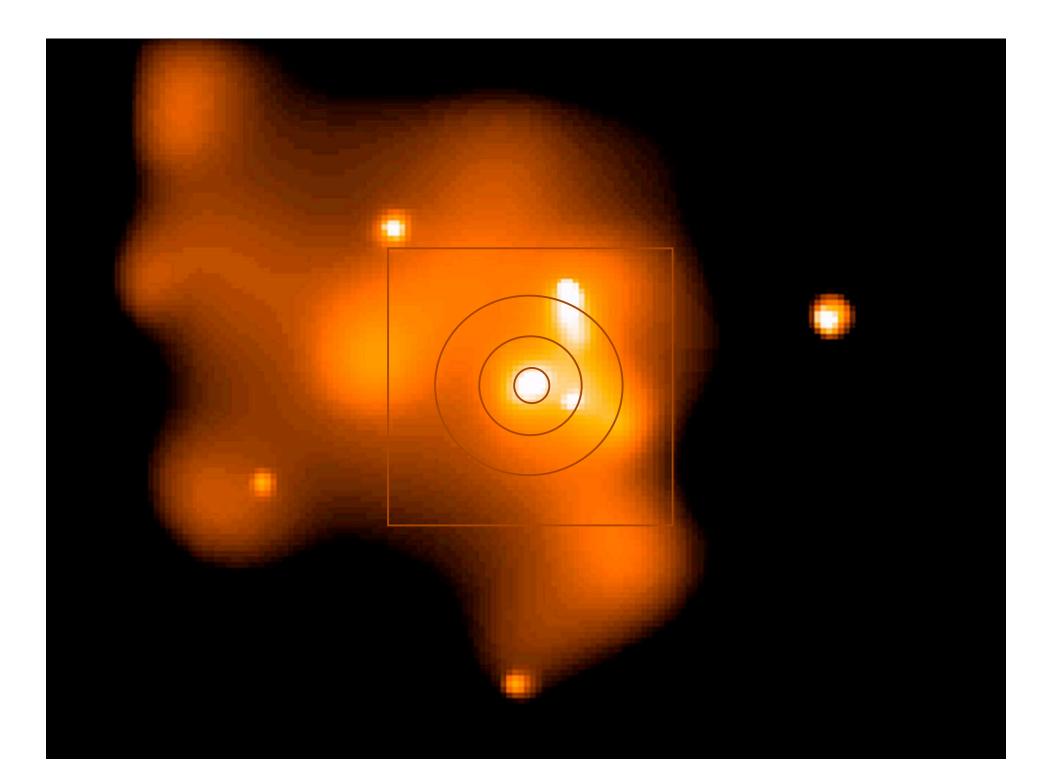






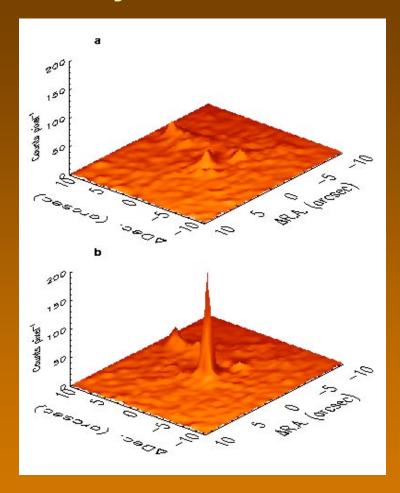




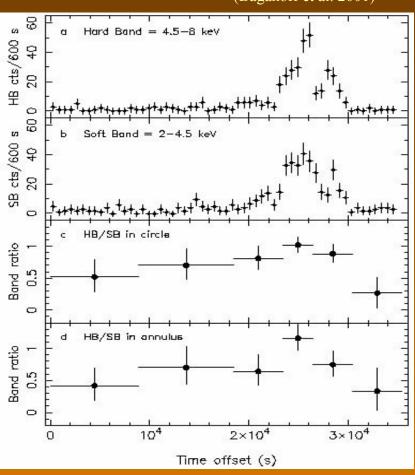


## X-ray Flares from Sgr A\*

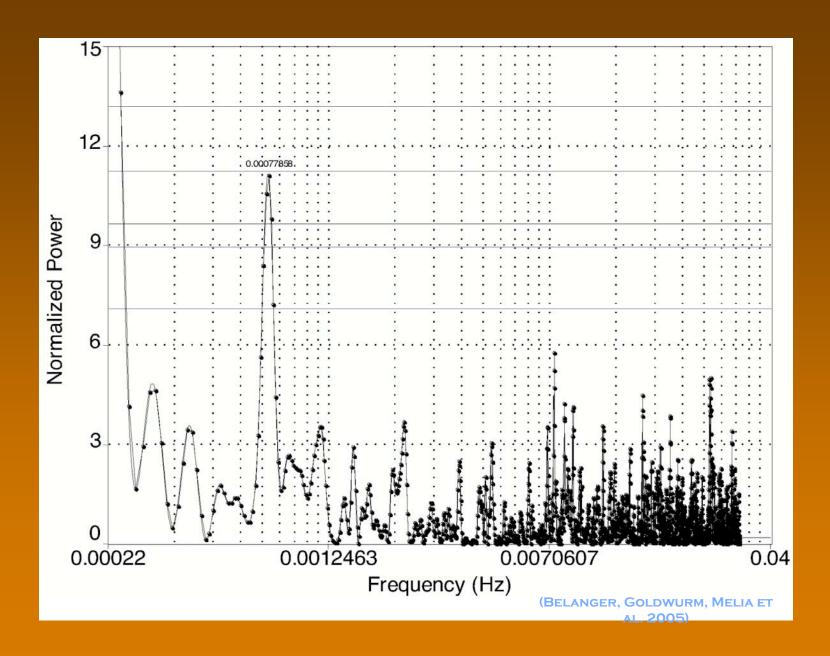
(Baganoff et al. 2001)

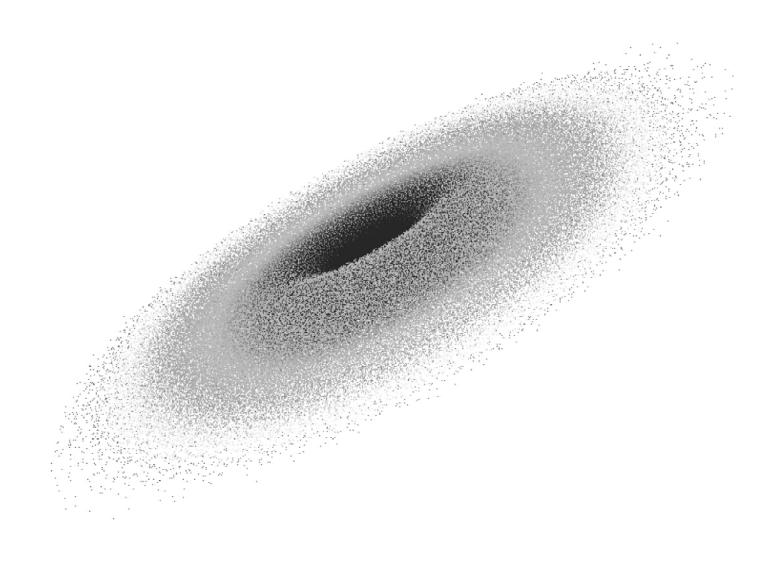


During a flare, Sgr A\*'s X-ray luminosity can increase by more than one order of magnitude.



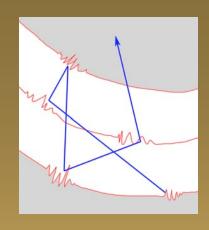
This X-ray flare lasted a few hours. Significant variation in flux was observed over 10 minutes.





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## THE PARTICLE DISTRIBUTION

THE MM, IR, AND X-RAY SPECTRAL COMPONENTS APPARENTLY ARISE IN A PARTIALLY SELF-ABSORBED, ORBITING MEDIUM, PRODUCED BY A HOT ( $T\sim10^{10}-10^{11}$  K) MODIFIED MB

PLASMA WITH NON-THERMAL PARTICLES.

GIVEN THE SUSPECTED ENVIRONMENT, AN OBVIOUS PROCESS TO CONSIDER IS STOCHASTIC ACCELERATION OF PARTICLES INTERACTING RESONANTLY WITH PLASMA WAVES OR TURBULENCE GENERATED VIA AN MHD DISSIPATION PROCESS (LIU, PETROSIAN, & MELIA 2004, 2005).

ALSO, SOME ELECTRONS (AND PROTONS) DIFFUSE OUT TO LARGER RADII WHERE THEY PRESUMABLY PRODUCE THE CM RADIO SPECTRUM --- AND POSSIBLY THE NEW HESS/INTEGRAL SOURCE. IT SHOULD ALSO BE DETECTABLE WITH GLAST.

